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Step-by-Step Number Line

Jump into learning numbers with the Step-by-Step Number Line! This fun, versatile mat is perfect for teaching number recognition and beginning addition and subtraction skills. The following are a few ideas to get you started using the number line mat.

- Have the students stand in a line. Call out a number. The first student in line should run to that number and stand on it. Call out a second number and the second student in the line should run to that number. (Numbers called do not have to be in consecutive order.) Continue calling out numbers until all the students are standing on a number.

If you want, use a stopwatch and tell the students how fast each one found their number.

- Write numbers 1-20 on separate pieces of paper and put them in a bag. Have each student pick out a number, but not look at it yet. When you yell, "go," all the students should look at their piece of paper and then run to that number.
- Place piles of different objects on a table for the students to count. For example, 5 crayons, 10 pencils, 15 rubber bands, etc. Have groups of 2 or 3 students come and count the number of objects in one of the piles. Once they have determined the number of objects, they should place them

on the number on the mat that represents how many objects they counted.

- Line up students along the mat. Ask for a volunteer to stand on the number 2. Then ask the class, if that student were to take 3 steps forward, what number would he be on? The answer is 5. Tell the students 2+3 equals 5. Continue asking for volunteers and practicing simple addition problems. Note: This activity can also be used to practice subtraction problems as well. (Start on the number 5 and take 2 steps backwards.)

Please Note:

- If the product gets wet, it may become slippery.
- If needed, this mat may be cut in half to teach numbers 1-10 and 11-20 separately.

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